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CHAPIFR 323

## **SENATE BILL 1394**

## AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 11-445, 12-1809 AND 13-3602, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO PROTECTION ORDERS.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona: Section 1. Section 11-445, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

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11-445. Fees chargeable in civil actions by sheriffs, constables and private process servers; authority of private process servers; background investigation; constables' logs

- A. The sheriff shall receive the following fees in civil actions:
- 1. Serving each true copy of the original summons in a civil suit, sixteen dollars, EXCEPT THAT THE SHERIFF SHALL NOT CHARGE A FEE FOR SERVICE OF ANY DOCUMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-3602 OR ANY INJUNCTION AGAINST HARASSMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-1809 IF THE COURT INDICATES THE INJUNCTION ARISES OUT OF A DATING RELATIONSHIP.
  - 2. Summoning each witness, sixteen dollars.
- 3. Levying and returning each writ of attachment or claim and delivery, forty-eight dollars.
- 4. Taking and approving each bond and returning it to the proper court when necessary, twelve dollars.
- 5. Endorsing the forfeiture of any bond required to be endorsed by him, twelve dollars.
  - 6. Levying each execution, twenty-four dollars.
  - 7. Returning each execution, sixteen dollars.
- 8. Executing and returning each writ of possession or restitution, forty-eight dollars plus a rate of forty dollars per hour per deputy for the actual time spent in excess of three hours.
- 9. Posting the advertisement for sale under execution, or any order of sale, twelve dollars.
- 10. Posting or serving any notice, process, writ, order, pleading or paper required or permitted by law, not otherwise provided for, sixteen dollars.
- 11. Executing a deed to each purchaser of real property under execution or order of sale, twenty-four dollars.
- 12. Executing a bill of sale to each purchaser of real and personal property under an execution or order of sale, when demanded by the purchaser, sixteen dollars.
- 13. For services in designating a homestead or other exempt property, twelve dollars.
- 14. For receiving and paying money on redemption and issuing a certificate of redemption, twenty-four dollars.
- 15. Serving and returning each writ of garnishment and related papers, forty dollars.
- 16.5 For the preparation, including notarization, of each affidavit of service or other document pertaining to service, eight dollars.
- 38.3. The sheriff shall also collect the appropriate recording fees if applicable and other appropriate disbursements.

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- C. The sheriff may charge:
- 1. Fifty-six dollars plus disbursements for any skip tracing services performed.
- 2. A reasonable fee for storing personal property levied on pursuant to title 12, chapter 9.
- D. For traveling to serve or on each attempt to serve civil process, writs, orders, pleadings or papers, the sheriff shall receive two dollars forty cents for each mile actually and necessarily traveled but, in any event, not to exceed two hundred miles, nor to be less than sixteen dollars. Mileage shall be charged one way only. For service made or attempted at the same time and place, regardless of the number of parties or the number of papers so served or attempted, only one charge for travel fees shall be made for such service or attempted service.
- E. For collecting money on an execution when it is made by sale, the sheriff and the constable shall receive eight dollars for each one hundred dollars or major portion thereof not to exceed a total of two thousand dollars, but when money is collected by the sheriff without a sale, only one-half of such fee shall be allowed. When satisfaction or partial satisfaction of a judgment is received by the judgment creditor after the sheriff or constable has received an execution on the judgment, the commission is due the sheriff or constable and is established by an affidavit of the judgment creditor filed with the officer. If the affidavit is not lodged with the officer within thirty days of the request, the commission shall be based on the total amount of judgment due as billed by the officer and may be collected as any other debt by that officer.
- F. The sheriff shall be allowed for all process issued from the supreme court and served by the sheriff the same fees as are allowed the sheriff for similar services upon process issued from the superior court,
- The constable shall receive the same fees as the sheriff for performing the same services in civil actions, except that mileage shall be computed from the office of the justice of the peace originating the civil action to the place of service.
- Private process servers duly appointed or registered pursuant to rules established by the supreme court may serve all process, writs, orders, pleadings or papers required or permitted by law to be served prior to. during or independently of a court action, including all such as are required or permitted to be served by a sheriff or constable, except writs or orders requiring the service officer to sell, deliver or take into the officer's custody persons or property, or as may otherwise be limited by rule established by the supreme court. A private process server is an officer of the court. As a condition of registration, the supreme court shall require eagh private process server applicant to furnish a full set of fingerprints to enable a criminal background investigation to be conducted to determine the suitability of the applicant. The completed applicant fingerprint card shall be submitted with the fee prescribed in section 41-1750 to the m 70

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department of public safety. The applicant shall bear the cost of obtaining the applicant's criminal history record information. The cost shall not exceed the actual cost of obtaining the applicant's criminal history record information. Applicant criminal history records checks shall be conducted pursuant to section 41-1750 and Public Law 92-544. The department of public safety is authorized to exchange the submitted applicant fingerprint card information with the federal bureau of investigation for a federal criminal records check. A private process server may charge such fees for services as may be agreed upon between the process server and the party engaging the process server.

- I. Constables shall maintain a log of work related activities including a listing of all processes served and the number of processes attempted to be served by case number, the names of the plaintiffs and defendants, the names and addresses of the person PERSONS to be served except as otherwise precluded by law, the date of process and the daily mileage.
- J. The log maintained in subsection I of this section is a public record and shall be made available by the constable at the constable's office during regular office hours. Copies of the log shall be filed monthly with the clerk of the justice court and with the clerk of the board of supervisors.
  - Sec. 2. Section 12-1809, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 12-1809. <u>Injunction against harassment; petition; venue; fees; notices; enforcement; definition</u>
- A. A person may file a verified petition with a magistrate, justice of the peace or superior court judge for an injunction prohibiting harassment. If the person is a minor, the parent, legal guardian or person who has legal custody of the minor shall file the petition unless the court determines otherwise. The petition shall name the parent, guardian or custodian as the plaintiff, and the minor is a specifically designated person for the purposes of subsection F of this section. If a person is either temporarily or permanently unable to request an injunction, a third party may request an injunction on behalf of the plaintiff. After the request, the judicial officer shall determine if the third party is an appropriate requesting party for the plaintiff. Notwithstanding the location of the plaintiff or defendant, any court in this state may issue or enforce an injunction against harassment.
  - B. An injunction against harassment shall not be granted:
- 1. Unless the party who requests the injunction files a written verified petition for injunction.
- 2. Against a person who is less than twelve years of age unless the injunction is granted by the juvenile division of the superior court.

  - \*\* C. The petition shall state all of the following:
- 44 1. The name of the plaintiff. The plaintiff's address shall be 45 disclosed to the court for purposes of service. If the address of the

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plaintiff is unknown to the defendant, the plaintiff may request that the address be protected. On the plaintiff's request, the address shall not be listed on the petition. Whether the court issues an injunction against harassment, the protected address shall be maintained in a separate document or automated database and is not subject to release or disclosure by the court or any form of public access except as ordered by the court.

- 2. The name and address, if known, of the defendant.
- 3. A specific statement showing events and dates of the acts constituting the alleged harassment.
- 4. The name of the court in which there was or is any prior or pending proceeding or order concerning the conduct which THAT is sought to be restrained.
  - 5. The relief requested.
- D. A fee shall not be charged for filing a petition under this section. Fees for service of process may be deferred or waived under any rule or law applicable to civil actions, EXCEPT THAT FEES FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS SHALL NOT BE CHARGED IF THE PETITION ARISES OUT OF A DATING RELATIONSHIP. The court shall advise a plaintiff that the plaintiff may be eligible for the deferral or waiver of these fees at the time the plaintiff The court shall not require the petitioner to perform files a petition. community service as a condition of the waiver or deferral of fees for service of process. A law enforcement agency or constable shall not require the advance payment of fees for service of process of injunctions against harassment. If the court does not waive the fees, the serving agency may assess the actual fees against the plaintiff. On request of the plaintiff, an injunction against harassment THAT IS issued by a municipal court may be served by the police agency for that city if the defendant can be served within the city. If the defendant cannot be served within the city, the police agency in the city in which the defendant can be served may serve the injunction. On request of the plaintiff, each injunction against harassment THAT IS issued by a justice of the peace shall be served by the constable for that jurisdiction if the defendant can be served within the jurisdiction. the defendant cannot be served within that jurisdiction, the constable in the jurisdiction in which the defendant can be served shall serve the injunction. On request of the plaintiff, an injunction against harassment THAT IS issued by a superior court judge or commissioner may be served by the sheriff of the If the defendant cannot be served within that jurisdiction, the sheriff in the jurisdiction in which the defendant can be served may serve The court shall provide, without charge, forms for purposes of this section for assisting parties without counsel.
- E. The court shall review the petition, any other pleadings on file and any evidence offered by the plaintiff to determine whether the injunction requested should issue without a further hearing. Rules 65(a)(1) and 65(e) of the Arizona rules of civil procedure do not apply to injunctions THAT ARE requested pursuant to this section. If the court finds reasonable evidence

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of harassment of the plaintiff by the defendant during the year preceding the filing of the petition or that good cause exists to believe that great or irreparable harm would result to the plaintiff if the injunction is not granted before the defendant or the defendant's attorney can be heard in opposition and the court finds specific facts attesting to the plaintiff's efforts to give notice to the defendant or reasons supporting the plaintiff's claim that notice should not be given, the court shall issue an injunction as provided for in subsection F of this section. If the court denies the requested relief, it may schedule a further hearing within ten days with reasonable notice to the defendant. For purposes of determining the one year period, any time that the defendant has been incarcerated or out of this state shall not be counted.

- F. If the court issues an injunction, the court may do any of the following:
- 1. Enjoin the defendant from committing a violation of one or more acts of harassment.
- Restrain the defendant from contacting the plaintiff or other specifically designated persons and from coming near the residence, place of employment or school of the plaintiff or other specifically designated locations or persons.
- Grant relief necessary for the protection of the alleged victim and other specifically designated persons proper under the circumstances.
- G. The court shall not grant a mutual injunction against harassment. If opposing parties separately file verified petitions for an injunction against harassment, the courts after consultation between the judicial officers involved may consolidate the petitions of the opposing parties for hearing. This does not prohibit a court from issuing cross injunctions against harassment.
- H. At any time during the period during which the injunction is in effect, the defendant is entitled to one hearing on written request. No fee may be charged for requesting a hearing. A hearing THAT IS requested by a defendant shall be held within ten days from the date requested unless the court finds compelling reasons to continue the hearing. The hearing shall be held at the earliest possible time. An ex parte injunction THAT IS issued under this section shall state on its face that the defendant is entitled to a hearing on written request and shall include the name and address of the judicial office where the request may be filed. After the hearing, the court may modify, quash or continue the injunction.
  - I. The injunction shall include the following statement: Warning

This is an official court order. If you disobey this porder, you may be arrested and prosecuted for the crime of minterfering with judicial proceedings and any other crime you (i) may have committed in disobeying this order.

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- J. A copy of the petition and the injunction shall be served on the defendant within one year from the date the injunction is signed. injunction that is not served on the defendant within one year expires. The injunction is effective on the defendant on service of a copy of the injunction and petition and expires one year after service on the defendant. A modified injunction is effective upon service and expires one year after service of the initial injunction and petition.
- K. Each affidavit, acceptance or return of service shall be promptly filed with the clerk of the issuing court. This filing shall be completed in person, shall be made by fax or shall be postmarked, if sent by mail, no later than the end of the seventh court business day after the date of If the filing is made by fax, the original affidavit, acceptance or return of service shall be promptly filed with the court. twenty-four hours after the affidavit, acceptance or return of service has been filed, excluding weekends and holidays, the court from which the injunction OR ANY MODIFIED INJUNCTION was issued shall forward to the sheriff of the county in which the court is located a copy of the injunction and a copy of the affidavit or certificate of service of process or acceptance of On receiving these copies, the sheriff shall register the Registration of an injunction means that a copy of the injunction and a copy of the affidavit or certificate of service of process or acceptance of service have been received by the sheriff's office. sheriff shall maintain a central repository for injunctions so that the existence and validity of the injunctions can be easily verified. effectiveness of an injunction does not depend on its registration, and for enforcement purposes pursuant to section 13-2810, a copy of an injunction, whether or not registered, is presumed to be a valid existing order of the court for a period of one year from the date of service of the injunction on the defendant. Any changes or modifications of the injunction are effective on entry by the court and shall be registered with the sheriff within twenty-four hours of the entry, excluding weekends and holidays.
- L. A peace officer may, with or without a warrant, MAY arrest a person if the peace officer has probable cause to believe that the person has violated section 13-2810 by disobeying or resisting an injunction THAT IS issued pursuant to this section, whether or not the violation occurred in the presence of the officer. The provisions for release under section 13-3903 do not apply to an arrest made pursuant to this subsection. A person WHO IS arrested pursuant to this subsection may be released from custody in accordance with the Arizona rules of criminal procedure or any other applicable statute. An order for release, with or without an appearance bond, shall include pretrial release conditions THAT ARE necessary to provide for the protection of the alleged victim and other specifically designated persons and may provide for additional conditions which THAT the court deems r44 gappropriate, including participation in any counseling programs available to the defendant.

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- M. If a peace officer responds to a call alleging that harassment has been or may be committed, the officer shall inform in writing any alleged or potential victim of the procedures and resources available for the protection of the victim including:
  - An injunction pursuant to this section.
  - The emergency telephone number for the local police agency.
  - Telephone numbers for emergency services in the local community.
- The remedies provided in this section for enforcement of the orders of the court are in addition to any other civil and criminal remedies available. The municipal court and the justice court may hear and decide all matters arising pursuant to this section. After a hearing with notice to the affected party, the court may enter an order requiring any party to pay the costs of the action, including reasonable attorney fees, if any. An order THAT IS entered by a justice court or municipal court after a hearing pursuant to this section may be appealed to the superior court as provided in title 22, chapter 2, article 4, section 22-425, subsection B and the superior court rules of civil appellate procedure without regard to an amount in controversy. No fee may be charged to either party for filing an appeal.
- 0. A peace officer making WHO MAKES an arrest pursuant to this section is not civilly or criminally liable for the arrest if the officer acts on probable cause and without malice. A peace officer is not civilly liable for noncompliance with subsection M of this section.
- P. This section does not apply to preliminary injunctions issued pursuant to an action for dissolution of marriage or legal separation or for protective orders against domestic violence.
- In addition to the persons who are authorized to serve process pursuant to rule 4(d), Arizona rules of civil procedure, a peace officer or a correctional officer as defined in section 41-1661 who is acting in the officer's official capacity may serve an injunction against harassment that is issued pursuant to this section.
- R. In this section, "harassment" means a series of acts over any period of time that is directed at a specific person and that would cause a reasonable person to be seriously alarmed, annoyed or harassed and the conduct in fact seriously alarms, annoys or harasses the person and serves no legitimate purpose.
  - Sec. 3. Section 13-3602, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: Order of protection; procedure; contents; arrest for violation; penalty; protection order from another jurisdiction
- $_{\odot}$  A. A person may file a verified petition, as in civil actions, with a magistrate, justice of the peace or superior court judge for an order of 42 protection for the purpose of restraining a person from committing an act included in domestic violence. If the person is a minor, the parent, legal guardian or person who has legal custody of the minor shall file the petition unless the court determines otherwise. The petition shall name the parent,

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guardian or custodian as the plaintiff and the minor is a specifically designated person for the purposes of subsection G of this section. If a person is either temporarily or permanently unable to request an order, a third party may request an order of protection on behalf of the plaintiff. After the request, the judicial officer shall determine if the third party is an appropriate requesting party for the plaintiff. For the purposes of this section, notwithstanding the location of the plaintiff or defendant, any court in this state may issue or enforce an order of protection.

- B. An order of protection shall not be granted:
- 1. Unless the party who requests the order files a written verified petition for an order.
- 2. Against a person who is less than twelve years of age unless the order is granted by the juvenile division of the superior court.
  - 3. Against more than one defendant.
  - C. The petition shall state the:
- 1. Name of the plaintiff. The plaintiff's address shall be disclosed to the court for purposes of service. If the address of the plaintiff is unknown to the defendant, the plaintiff may request that the address be protected. On the plaintiff's request, the address shall not be listed on the petition. Whether the court issues an order of protection, the protected address shall be maintained in a separate document or automated database and is not subject to release or disclosure by the court or any form of public access except as ordered by the court.
  - 2. Name and address, if known, of the defendant.
- 3. Specific statement, including dates, of the domestic violence alleged.
- 4. Relationship between the parties pursuant to section 13-3601, subsection A and whether there is pending between the parties an action for MATERNITY OR PATERNITY, annulment, legal separation or dissolution of marriage.
- 5. Name of the court in which any prior or pending proceeding or order was sought or issued concerning the conduct which THAT is sought to be restrained.
  - 6. Desired relief.
- D. A fee shall not be charged for filing a petition under this section. Fees OR for service of process. may be deferred or waived under any rule, statute or other law applicable to civil actions. The court shall advise a plaintiff that the plaintiff may be eligible for the deferral or waiver of these fees at the time the plaintiff files the petition. The court shall not require the petitioner to perform community service as a condition of the waiver or deferral of fees for service of process. A law enforcement agency of constable shall not require the advance payment of fees for service of process of orders of protection. If the court does not waive the fees, the serving agency may assess the actual fees against the plaintiff. On request of the plaintiff, each order of protection THAT IS issued by a

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municipal court shall be served by the police agency for that city if the defendant can be served within the city. If the defendant cannot be served within the city, the police agency in the city in which the defendant can be served shall serve the order. If the order cannot be served within a city, the sheriff shall serve the order. On request of the plaintiff, each order of protection THAT IS issued by a justice of the peace shall be served by the constable or sheriff for that jurisdiction if the defendant can be served within the jurisdiction. If the defendant cannot be served within that jurisdiction, the constable or sheriff in the jurisdiction in which the defendant can be served shall serve the order. On request of the plaintiff, each order of protection THAT IS issued by a superior court judge or commissioner shall be served by the sheriff of the county. If the defendant cannot be served within that jurisdiction, the sheriff in the jurisdiction in which the defendant can be served shall serve the order. Each court shall provide, without charge, forms for purposes of this section for assisting parties without counsel. The court shall make reasonable efforts to provide to both parties an appropriate information sheet on emergency and counseling services that are available in the local area.

- E. The court shall review the petition, any other pleadings on file and any evidence offered by the plaintiff to determine whether the orders requested should issue without further hearing. The court shall issue an order of protection under subsection G of this section if the court determines that there is reasonable cause to believe any of the following:
  - 1. The defendant may commit an act of domestic violence.
- 2. The defendant has committed an act of domestic violence within the past year or within a longer period of time if the court finds that good cause exists to consider a longer period.
- F. For purposes of determining the period of time under subsection E, paragraph 2 of this section, any time that the defendant has been incarcerated or out of this state shall not be counted. If the court denies the requested relief, it may schedule a further hearing within ten days, with reasonable notice to the defendant.
- G. If a court issues an order of protection, the court may do any of the following:
- 1. Enjoin the defendant from committing a violation of one or more of the offenses included in domestic violence.
- 2. Grant one party the use and exclusive possession of the parties' residence on a showing that there is reasonable cause to believe that physical harm may otherwise result. If the other party is accompanied by a law enforcement officer, the other party may return to the residence on one occasion to retrieve belongings. A law enforcement officer is not liable for any action omission in the good faith exercise of the officer's duties under this paragraph.
- Restrain the defendant from contacting the plaintiff or other specifically designated persons and from coming near the residence, place of

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employment or school of the plaintiff or other specifically designated locations or persons on a showing that there is reasonable cause to believe that physical harm may otherwise result.

- 4. If the court finds that the defendant is a credible threat to the physical safety of the plaintiff or other specifically designated persons, prohibit the defendant from possessing or purchasing a firearm for the duration of the order. If the court prohibits the defendant from possessing a firearm, the court shall also order the defendant to transfer any firearm owned or possessed by the defendant immediately after service of the order to the appropriate law enforcement agency for the duration of the order. If the defendant does not immediately transfer the firearm, the defendant shall transfer the firearm within twenty-four hours after service of the order.
- 5. If the order was issued after notice and a hearing at which the defendant had an opportunity to participate, require the defendant to complete a domestic violence offender treatment program that is provided by a facility approved by the department of health services or a probation department or any other program deemed appropriate by the court.
- 6. Grant relief that is necessary for the protection of the alleged victim and other specifically designated persons and that is proper under the circumstances.
- H. The court shall not grant a mutual order of protection. If opposing parties separately file verified petitions for an order of protection, the courts after consultation between the judges involved may consolidate the petitions of the opposing parties for hearing. This does not prohibit a court from issuing cross orders of protection.
- I. At any time during the period during which the order is in effect, a party under an order of protection or restrained from contacting the other party is entitled to one hearing on written request. No fee may be charged for requesting a hearing. A hearing THAT IS requested by a party WHO IS under an order of protection or WHO IS restrained from contacting the other party shall be held within ten days from the date requested unless the court finds good cause to continue the hearing. If exclusive use of the home is awarded, the hearing shall be held within five days from the date requested. The hearing shall be held at the earliest possible time. An ex parte order THAT IS issued under this section shall state on its face that the defendant is entitled to a hearing on written request and shall include the name and address of the judicial office where the request may be filed. After the hearing, the court may modify, quash or continue the order.
  - J. The order shall include the following statement:
    Warning

This is an official court order. If you disobey this order, you may be arrested and prosecuted for the crime of interfering with judicial proceedings and any other crime you may have committed in disobeying this order.

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- K. A copy of the petition and the order shall be served on the defendant within one year from the date the order is signed. An order of protection that is not served on the defendant within one year expires. An order is effective on the defendant on service of a copy of the order and petition. An order expires one year after service on the defendant. A modified order is effective upon service and expires one year after service of the initial order and petition.
- Each affidavit, acceptance or return of service shall be promptly filed with the clerk of the issuing court. This filing shall be completed in person, shall be made by fax or shall be postmarked, if sent by mail, no later than the end of the seventh court business day after the date of service. If the filing is made by fax, the original affidavit, acceptance or return of service shall be promptly filed with the court. twenty-four hours after the affidavit, acceptance or return of service has been filed, excluding weekends and holidays, the court from which the order OR ANY MODIFIED ORDER was issued shall forward to the sheriff of the county in which the court is located a copy of the order of protection and a copy of the affidavit or certificate of service of process or acceptance of service. On receiving these copies, the sheriff shall register the order. Registration of an order means that a copy of the order of protection and a copy of the affidavit or acceptance of service have been received by the sheriff's office. The sheriff shall maintain a central repository for orders of protection so that the existence and validity of the orders can be easily verified. The effectiveness of an order does not depend on its registration, and for enforcement purposes pursuant to section 13-2810, a copy of an order of the court, whether or not registered, is presumed to be a valid existing order of the court for a period of one year from the date of service of the order on the defendant. Any changes or modifications of the order are effective upon entry of an order of the court and shall be registered with the sheriff within twenty-four hours of the entry of the order, excluding weekends and holidays.
- M. A peace officer may, with or without a warrant, MAY arrest a person if the peace officer has probable cause to believe that the person has violated section 13-2810 by disobeying or resisting an order THAT IS issued in any jurisdiction in this state pursuant to this section, whether or not such violation occurred in the presence of the officer. Criminal violations of an order issued pursuant to this section shall be referred to an appropriate law enforcement agency. The law enforcement agency shall request that a prosecutorial agency file the appropriate charges. A violation of an order of protection shall not be adjudicated by a municipal or justice court unless a complaint has been filed or other legal process has been requested by the prosecuting agency. The provisions for release under section 13-3883, subsection A, paragraph 4 and section 13-3903 do not apply to an arrest made pursuant to this section. For purposes of this section, any court in this

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state has jurisdiction to enforce a valid order of protection that is issued in this state and that has been violated in any jurisdiction in this state.

- N. A person WHO IS arrested pursuant to subsection M of this section may be released from custody in accordance with the Arizona rules of criminal procedure or any other applicable statute. An order for release, with or without an appearance bond, shall include pretrial release conditions THAT ARE necessary to provide for the protection of the alleged victim and other specifically designated persons and may provide for ANY OTHER additional conditions which THAT the court deems appropriate, including participation in any counseling programs available to the defendant.
- 0. The remedies provided in this section for enforcement of the orders of the court are in addition to any other civil and criminal remedies available. The superior court shall have exclusive jurisdiction to issue orders of protection in all cases if it appears from the petition that an action for maternity or paternity, annulment, legal separation or dissolution of marriage is pending between the parties. A municipal court or justice court shall not issue an order of protection if it appears from the petition that an action for maternity or paternity, annulment, legal separation or dissolution of marriage is pending between the parties. After issuance of an order of protection, if the municipal court or justice court determines that an action for maternity or paternity, annulment, legal separation or dissolution of marriage is pending between the parties, the municipal court or justice court shall stop further proceedings in the action and forward all papers, together with a certified copy of docket entries or any other record in the action, to the superior court where they shall be docketed in the pending superior court action and shall proceed as though the petition for an order of protection had been originally brought in the superior court. Notwithstanding any other law and unless prohibited by an order of the superior court, a municipal court or justice court may hold a hearing on all matters relating to its ex parte order of protection if the hearing was requested before receiving written notice of the pending superior court No order of protection shall be invalid or determined to be ineffective merely because it was issued by a lower court at a time when an action for maternity or paternity, annulment, legal separation or dissolution of marriage was pending in a higher court. After a hearing with notice to the affected party, the court may enter an order requiring any party to pay the costs of the action, including reasonable attorney fees, if any. order THAT IS entered by a justice court or municipal court after a hearing pursuant to this section may be appealed to the superior court as provided in title 22, chapter 2, article 4, section 22-425, subsection B and the superior court rules of civil appellate procedure without regard to an amount in controversy. No fee may be charged to either party for filing an appeal. For the purposes of this subsection, "pending" means, with respect to an action for annulment, legal separation or dissolution of marriage or for maternity or paternity, either that:

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- 1. An action has been commenced but a final judgment, decree or order has not been entered.
- 2. A post-decree proceeding has been commenced but a judgment, decree or order finally determining the proceeding has not been entered.
- P. A peace officer making WHO MAKES an arrest pursuant to this section or section 13-3601 is not civilly or criminally liable for such THE arrest if the officer acts upon ON probable cause and without malice.
- Q. In addition to persons authorized to serve process pursuant to rule 4(d) of the Arizona rules of civil procedure, a peace officer or a correctional officer as defined in section 41-1661 who is acting in the officer's official capacity may serve an order of protection THAT IS issued pursuant to this section. Service of the order of protection has priority over other service of process that does not involve an immediate threat to the safety of a person.
- R. A valid protection order that is related to domestic or family violence and that is issued by a court in another state, a court of a United States territory or a tribal court shall be accorded full faith and credit and shall be enforced as if it were issued in this state for as long as the order is effective in the issuing jurisdiction. For the purposes of this subsection:
- 1. A protection order includes any injunction or other order that is issued for the purpose of preventing violent or threatening acts or harassment against, contact or communication with or physical proximity to another person. A protection order includes temporary and final orders other than support or child custody orders that are issued by civil and criminal courts if the order is obtained by the filing of an independent action or is a pendente lite order in another proceeding. The civil order shall be issued in response to a complaint, petition or motion that was filed by or on behalf of a person seeking protection.
- 2. A protection order is valid if the issuing court had jurisdiction over the parties and the matter under the laws of the issuing state, a United States territory or an Indian tribe and the person against whom the order was issued had reasonable notice and an opportunity to be heard. If the order is issued ex parte, the notice and opportunity to be heard shall be provided within the time required by the laws of the issuing state, a United States territory or an Indian tribe and within a reasonable time after the order was issued.
- 3. A mutual protection order that is issued against both the party who filed a petition or a complaint or otherwise filed a written pleading for protection against abuse and the person against whom the filing was made is not entitled to full faith and credit if either:
- (a) The person against whom an initial order was sought has not filed a cross or counter petition or other written pleading seeking a protection order.

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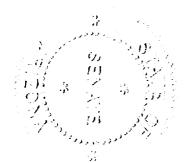
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- (b) The issuing court failed to make specific findings supporting the entitlement of both parties to be granted a protection order.
- 4. A peace officer may presume the validity of and rely on a copy of a protection order that is issued by another state, a United States territory or an Indian tribe if the order was given to the officer by any source. A peace officer may also rely on the statement of any person who is protected by the order that the order remains in effect. A peace officer who acts in good faith reliance on a protection order is not civilly or criminally liable for enforcing the protection order pursuant to this section.

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